(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) The Government has identified thirteen major cities for establishment of AIDS Units for the management of AIDS patients. Funds for purchase of essential equipment have been released to the States/UT Governments and training of medical and para-medical staff in management of AIDS patients has also been completed. In Delhi an AIDS Unit has been established at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

AIIMS Not Equipped to handle AIDS Cases

38. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences is at present not properly equipped to handle AIDS and HIV infected patients with safety;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the shortcomings in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure proper and safe treatment of AIDS and HIV patients in AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No Sir, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences is fully equipped to handle HIV infected persons and AIDS patients.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Cracks in the Roofs of Jagannath Temple at Puri

39. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cracks have recently appeared in the roof and other parts of Jagannath Temple at Puri;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some cracks had appeared last year also in the said temple;

(d) whether there is any similarity betwen these two types of cracks; and

(e) what action is being taken or is proposed to be taken by Government to obviate recurrence of such defects?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No fresh cracks have appeared recently in the Jagannath Temple at Puri. However while inspecting the interior of the sikhara over the garbhagriha, during the RATH YATRA in July 1991, the experts of the Archaeological Survey of India noticed two small old cracks only on the inner face of walls forming the sikhara on the garbhagriha.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The steps taken for the proper conservation of the Jagannath Temple Puri are:

(i) Removal of accretionary plaster from the surface of the main temple for exposing the sculptured surface as well as cracks, if any.